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1. The "Democratic Rizospastis Party" (or Democratic Radical Party) is one of the component parties of EAM. Its political line is practically identical with that of KKE, and its principal purpose is to help give a semblance of several parties in EAM, which has actually been a completely KKE-dominated instrument since December 1944.

2. Members of the "Politburo" of the D.R.P. are the following:

Michael Kyrkos, member of EAM Central Committee
Aloibiades Loulis, president of EA (National Solidarity)
Ifikrates Hatzimanoual, of minor political importance
General Gerassimos Avgeropoulos, member of ELAS
Colonel Pierros Petropoulakis, member of ELAS
Demosthenes Papachristou, engineer, member of ELAS
Angelos Konstantilieris, former Liberal Party deputy.

3. The following is a resume of the line laid down for the Party early in November:

"Conditions for a fuller and more complete understanding between the U.S. and the USSR have improved following the Stalin interview and the speeches of Austin and Truman. The labor meetings at Brighton are laden with significance for us, and their outcome will be a great help to democracy and liberty in Greece. One of the outcomes of the above trends has been that England has felt obliged to try to effect superficial changes in the Greek Government, so that Bevin could better face British and international public opinion at the U.N.O.

"There is no doubt that the Foreign Office does not seek a real democratic solution in Greece, but only a superficial one which will look like a real improvement but which will allow a continuation of the fascist ergy. We seek to effect a definite, basic change in the Foreign Office attitude, but, for the present, this looks unlikely. However, the above trends, plus the consistent democratic stand of Sophoulis and the conscientious defense of its rights by the majority of the Greek people will compel a basic change in English policy.

"Soon the Tsaldaris government will fall and will be replaced by a government prepared to face national requirements and the desires of the people. In the meanwhile, English policy will attempt various counterfeit solutions but these will fail. We are nearing the end of the post-December (1944) tragedy. Without a struggle, we can gain nothing. Our watchwords must be: 'Struggle for liberty, democracy, independence, reconciliation, unity' of EAM."

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